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AND
BY-LAWS
OF THE
DASHAWAY ASSOCIATION.
OF
VICTORIA, V. I.



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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. ROLL CALL.
2. READING OF MINUTES.
3. COLLECTION OF DUES.
4. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.
5. REPORT OF TREASURER.
6. REPORT OF COMMITTEES.
7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.
8. DEFERRED BUSINESS.
9. NEW BUSINESS.
10. REMARKS FROM MEMBERS.
11. SINGING.
12. ADJOURNMENT.

PLEDGE.

VICTORIA,

In the presence of God and of all the persons here present as witness, we the undersigned do hereby solemnly pledge ourselves and agree to each other to abstain from any and all Intoxicating Drinks, (medicinal purposes excepted) in which case the necessity must be certified to by a Physician.

And it is a further condition of these presents, that if either of us, whose signature is affixed to this document, is known and it can be proven that he has violated the agreement herein contained, he shall by a majority vote of the meeting be discarded as an associate. Provided, that at any time any member of this Association, who may wish to withdraw, may send in his resignation at any Regular Meeting of the Association, which, provided he is in good standing and free of dues to the Association, shall be received. And provided further, that no member shall have the privilege of resigning, as aforesaid, until after the period of six months after he shall have become a member.

In witness whereof, the said parties have hereunto set their hands the day and year above written.

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PREAMBLE.

WE, the undersigned, anxious to promote our own interests, and the welfare of society, and to engender a spirit of good feeling, among ourselves and our friends, and being impressed with the importance of a concentrated effort to accomplish the above object, and desirous of forming ourselves into an Association, in which we may labor together for the end proposed, have framed the annexed Constitution and By-Laws for our regulation and good government.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This Association shall be known and designated as the DASHAWAY ASSOCIATION, No. 15.

ARTICLE II.

All Members shall pledge themselves to abstain from the use of all or any Intoxicating Liquors whatsoever, for the period of six months next after signing the Constitution and By-Laws

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

President, 2 Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Standing Committee of 3, Relief Committee of 3 and Investigating Committee of 3, to be elected in the months of November and May The elections to be conducted by ballot.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE IV.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

Any person may become a member of this Association by a two-third vote of the members present, after having been vouched for by the Standing Committee, and signing the Pledge; and after paying an initiation fee of one dollar, he shall then become entitled to all the privileges of other members.

ARTICLE V.

This being wholly a Total Abstinence Association, the subjects of Sectarian Religion or Politics are strictly forbidden at its meetings.

ARTICLE VI.

Fifteen members being assembled at the time and place of meeting shall constitute a quorum; and in all transactions, not otherwise directed, a majority of those present shall govern.

ARTICLE VII.

This Constitution may be amended at a Regular Business Meeting, by a majority vote of two-thirds of the members present thereat; Provided, no amendments shall be made unless they shall be laid before the Association in writing, and shall be read by the Secretary, at least two Regular Weekly Meetings previous to being acted upon.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION I.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings, and preserve order and decorum. He shall be ex-officio a member of all Committees.

SECTION II.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

In the absence of the President, the First Vice-President shall perform the duty of President. In the absence of both the senior officers, the Second Vice-President shall perform the duties.

SECTION III.

SECRETARY.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a correct Roll of members, and record the proceedings of all Meetings in Books provided for that purpose. He shall notify all officers of their election. He shall receive all moneys of the Association, and pay the same to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same. He shall attest all orders drawn by the Standing Committee upon the Treasurer, and shall perform all the duties appertaining to his office.

SECTION IV.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

It shall be the duty of the Assistant Secretary to aid the Secretary, generally, in the performance of his duties, and in his absence to perform the duties of Secretary.

SECTION V.

TREASURER.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive from the Secretary the money of the Association, giving him his receipt for the same. He shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Standing Committee, attested by the Secretary. He shall also keep a correct account of his transactions with the Association, and shall report the same at the first Business Meeting of each and every month.

SECTION VI.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall receive all names of applicants for membership, and if found worthy, present them to the Association for election. They shall have the supervision of the funds of the Association; shall draw all orders on the Treasurer, either for the expenses of the Association, or for the relief of the Members, not otherwise provided for. They shall only have power to act by a majority.

SECTION VII.

RELIEF COMMITTEE.

It shall be the duty of the Relief Committee to receive and entertain all communications for the relief of any Member of the Association, and they shall be empowered to call upon the Treasurer for any sum not exceeding ten dollars, and that only in case of absolute necessity, where time cannot be allowed for the matter of relief to be brought before the Association at a Regular Meeting. A majority only shall have power to act.

SECTION VIII.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

It shall be the duty of the Investigating Committee to receive and hear all charges against Members for violating the Pledge; and if upon examination they find such charges can be substantiated, they shall be preferred in writing to the Association for trial, and the member so accused shall be furnished with a copy thereof, that he may have an opportunity of defence.

SECTION I.

DUTY OF MEMBERS.

It shall be the duty of members to use their influence to bring into the Association every person in their power. It shall further be their duty to assist those members who may be in need, to obtain employment for them, and encourage each other to the best of their abilities.

SECTION II.

It shall be the duty of members of this Association without fear or affection to report to the Investigating Committee the names of any member violating the Pledge; Provided, however, they shall not prefer a charge which cannot be substantiated.

SECTION III.

Each and Every member shall pay the sum of fifty cents per month as dues.

SECTION IV.

Any member violating the Pledge, shall upon the same having been substantiated before the Association be expelled.— Any member introducing the subjects of Sectarian Religion or Party Politics, shall for the first offense be reprimanded by the Chair; and for a repetition fined \$5, for a third offense, he shall be expelled.

SECTION V.

The regular Business meetings of this Association shall be held on Wednesday evening of each week. Special meetings may be held at the discretion of the Association.

SECTION VI.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws may be amended, at a Regular Business meeting, by a majority vote of two-thirds of the members present thereat; Provided no amendments shall be made unless they shall be laid before the Association in writing and shall be read by the Secretary, at least two Regular weekly meetings previous to being acted upon.

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